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SUBJ: CSCE: CYPRUS PROBLEM

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1. GREEK DELEGATION INFORMED US SEPTEMBER 7 THAT THEY  
PLAN TO RAISE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON MONDAY MORING, SEPTEMBER 9,  
IN CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION  
OF PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY EXPECT SUPPORT FROM  
CYPRUS, USSR, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, MALTA,  
AND OTHERS, AND DO NOT EXPECT FRANCE TO RAISE PROCEDURAL  
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OBJECTIONS AS THEY DID ON BEHALF OF THE EC-NINE LAST JULY

(SEE GENEVA 4726 NOTAL). GREEKS EVIDENTLY INTEND TO POSE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER DISCUSSION OF INTERSTATE PRINCIPLES CAN APPROPRIATELY PROCEED IN VIEW OF CONTINUED TURKISH OCCUPATION OF PART OF CYPRUS. GREEKS ALSO INTEND TO RAISE CYPRUS ISSUE IN COMMITTEE I (SECURITY), AT ITS FIRST MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, AND AT FIRST MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE. BY CHANCE, THEY ARE CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND IN THIS CAPACITY ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE DREW ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 159160, AND STRESSED TO GREEK REP THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER IT MOST UNFORTUNATE IF A SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN CSCE. GREEK REP SAID HIS DELEGATION ALSO HOPED TO AVOID A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON CYPRUS, BUT COULD NOT IGNORE THE PROBLEM WHILE DRAFTING OF INTERSTATE PRINCIPLES PROCEEDS. WE AGREED THAT A SERIES OF STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL POSITIONS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS EVIDENTLY UNAVOIDABLE, BUT ARGUED THAT, SINCE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN ANOTHER FORUM, CSCE WORK SHOULD NOT BE BLOCKED BECAUSE OF CYPRUS. GREEK REP GAVE NO COMMITMENT ON THIS POINT, AND IMPLIED THAT GREEKS WOULD KEEP OPEN THE OPTION OF THREATENING TO BLOCK CSCE WORK.

3. GREEK REP NOTED THAT TURKS HAD RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT REPRESENTATIVITY OF CYPRIOT DELEGATIONS AT UN AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AND ASKED IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY INDICATIONS THAT THEY WOULD DO THIS AT CSCE. WE REPLIED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD TURKS WERE WATCHING BEHAVIOR OF CYPRIOT DELEGATION CLOSELY, AND WOULD BASE THEIR ATTITUDE ON THE ACTIONS AND POSITIONS WHICH THE CYPRIOT DELEGATION TAKES. WE STRESSED TO GREEK REP THAT WE HOPED CYPRIOT DELEGATION WOULD AVOID PROVOKING TURKS TO QUESTION THEIR CREDENTIALS. IN VIEW OF CSCE CONSENSUS PROCEDURES, SUCH A MECHANICAL PROBLEM COULD POSE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES FOR THE CONFERENCE. GREEK REP SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS POINT.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, TURKISH REP INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL REPLY IN KIND TO ANY STATEMENT CRITICAL OF THEIR ACTIONS IN CYPRUS, BUT WILL TRY TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH WILL

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BLOCK CONFERENCE WORK. IF CYPRIOT DELEGATION TAKES A RELATIVELY EVEN-HANDED POSITION ON THE PROBLEM, TURKS DO NOT INTEND TO QUESTION THEIR CREDENTIALS, BUT IF THEY ARE NOT "GOOD BOYS" TURKS WILL TAKE POSITION THAT THEY DO NOT REPRESENT TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, THUS OPENING DIFFICULT QUESTION OF CREDENTIALS.

5. ROMANIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY AND INTERESTED NON-

ALIGNED DELEGATIONS WILL STATE NATIONAL POSITIONS WHEN CYPRUS PROBLEM IS RAISED, BUT WILL WORK TO AVOID BLOCKAGE OF CSCE WORK. WE ASSUME THIS WILL ALSO BE SOVIET ATTITUDE. CYPRIOT DELEGATION HAS BEEN INVISABLE ALL WEEK.

6. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE PRIVATELY TO ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH WILL EITHER OPEN SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE OF CYPRUS PROBLEM IN CSCE OR BLOCK NORMAL CSCE WORK. WE HAVE COORDINATED THIS APPROACH WITH UK DELEGATION.

7. IN VIEW OF INCREASED PRESS COVERAGE OF OPENING DAY OF EACH CSCE SESSION, WE WOULD EXPECT THIS INCIDENT TO ATTRACT SOME PRESS INTEREST.

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